

#8/B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 6/23/03

Atty. Docket No.
VIGN1270

Applicants Kommers, et al.	
Application Number 09/682,107	Date Filed 07/20/01
Title INFORMATION RETRIEVAL FROM A COLLECTION OF INFORMATION OBJECTS TAGGED WITH HIERARCHICAL KEYWORDS	
Group Art Unit 2171	Examiner Al-Hashemi, S.

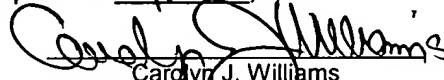
MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **Express Mail No. 351127732US** in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 11, 2003.


Carolyn J. Williams

In response to the Official Action mailed June 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below.

RECEIVED

SEP 16 2003

Technology Center 2100